

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to add a priority claim under 35 U.S.C § 120.

Claims 19-22 are new and are fully supported by the specification, for example, on page 14, lines 17-32. Upon amendment, claims 17-22 are pending in this application. No new matter enters by amendment.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,001,977), and claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chang et al. in view of White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,677,054). The Examiner contends that it would have been *prima facie* obvious to select applicants' sequence from Chang's sequence.

Applicants traverse the rejection. For the reasons presented in Applicants' August 1, 2003, Amendment, Chang cannot make applicants' claims 17-22 obvious. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner disagrees, he is invited to call the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues remaining in this application in order to expedite prosecution.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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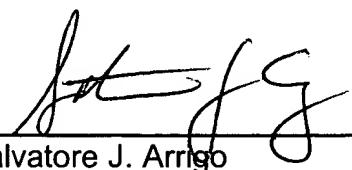
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